GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:369
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2002
PAWAN HANS TIE UP WITH CANADIAN HELICOPTERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pawan Hans Helicopter Ltd. (PHHL) has recently entered into a technical tie-up with Canadian Helicopters Company (CHC) or with any other public sector company;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of constitution and functioning of this joint venture;

(d) whether the normal policy and practice of inviting open tenders was followed;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the details of the area of operation of PHHL;

(g) whether the PHHL propose to expand its operation particularly in inaccessible areas not currently covered by air; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g) and (h):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 369 dated 16.12.2002 regarding Pawan Hans Tie up with Canadian Helicopters.

(a) and (b):- No, Sir. However, Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with M/s. CHC Helicopters International Inc. (CHII) of Canada, on 07.06.2002. The MOU only provides a broad framework for possible CHII assistance to PHHL in upgrading its maintenance facilities and further improving its operational and management systems through induction of state-of-the-art technology; exploring potential for new business opportunities to PHHL through possible operation of its helicopters abroad, and increasing revenue due to the upgraded maintenance facilities.

(c), (d) and (e):- Neither the MOU is a joint venture nor does it have any financial implication. Hence, the question of following normal policy and practice of inviting tenders does not arise.

(f):- The operations of PHHL include providing support to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) at Mumbai High, Hardy Oil at Chennai, transportation of VIPs for Ministry of Home Affairs in North-Eastern region, regular passenger services under the aegis of Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Tripura and Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. PHHL meets the helicopter requirements of Governments of Punjab and public sector enterprises like National Hydro Electric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC), Oil India, Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL). Besides, PHHL provides helicopters to private parties on charter basis.

(g) and (h):- Expansion of helicopter services is an on-going process. PHHL has plans to provide a helicopter each to the Government of Nagaland and the Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.